

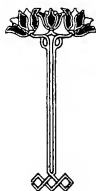
The Athletic Club

From the Atlantic to the
Pacific it is Becoming a
Feature of the Life in All
Cities—*Philadelphia North American*





ATHLETIC CLUBS OF AMERICA



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This little Booklet is respectfully dedicated
to my friend

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Minneapolis, Minn.

Charles Henry Genslinger

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MODERN ATHLETIC CLUBS AND THEIR ORGANIZATION

The civic spirit of the live American and Canadian cities is expressed through the large athletic clubs that are considered essential features of present day life.

Athletic clubs of the United States and Canada have contributed in no slight degree to keep alert a community pride, interest in sports, in their best forms, and have promoted a worthwhile social and business fraternalism.

These clubs, situated as they invariably are in the heart of the business center of the city they serve, soon become the principal rendezvous of a town. A member and his guests always are certain to find not only the best good-fellowship, but unsurpassed service, inviting quarters and abundant opportunities for rest and recreation.

Scores of these clubs are in operation, and you may be certain that if a city has an up-to-date athletic club, the folks of that town are typically progressive. Not a few places that in population are comparatively small have athletic clubs. But most of the best clubs

of this character in this country have been built under the personal leadership of Charles Henry Genslinger, a specialist in organization and club houses.

Mr. Genslinger has devoted most of his life to forming club organizations, raising the money to erect the beautiful and complete buildings that become civic show places and put the clubs on a proper operating basis.

No matter where undertaken or on how large or small a scale, the services of an expert are required in starting an athletic club, if the fullest measure of permanent success is to be achieved. Literally a hundred and one details come up and must be decided as successful experience dictates. In purchasing a site and erecting a building, an expert's ability and training are indispensable, frequently resulting in the saving that determines ultimate financial success. In many cities where he has worked, Mr. Genslinger has saved clubs thousands of dollars and prevented mistakes that would have spelled failure.

When these clubs are completed, without exception, those who were "knockers" become the most enthusiastic supporters. All of the athletic clubs established by Mr. Genslinger are pronounced financial, athletic and social successes.

The foremost men in business and social life are

found among the membership of these clubs. The younger men, as a rule, take an eager interest in the athletics and of course are the mainstay in sporting competitions, but the business man who needs exercise to keep in fit condition—because of the exceptional advantages—is a regular visitor at the gymnasium, plunge and special apparatus rooms.

Nothing stimulates clean-living like athletics, and in promoting sports the athletic clubs advance citizenship, promote temperance in all things and create the keen mental poise that every man aspires to possess.

The staunchest supporters of the athletic clubs are to be found among the wives and children of the members for whom special arrangements are made so they may enjoy the gymnasium, natatorium and other facilities. Likewise, most of the social and entertainments are designed for members of a member's family and his friends quite as much as for himself.

Mr. Genslinger's clubs represent the best there is in service, comfort and equipment. The appointments and surroundings are luxurious, harmonious, and always in good taste. Not a want that a man may have is overlooked. Everything is provided for. From the main lobby and dining rooms there are private conversational rooms, and the gymnasiums of the clubs he plans are models of perfection. Every

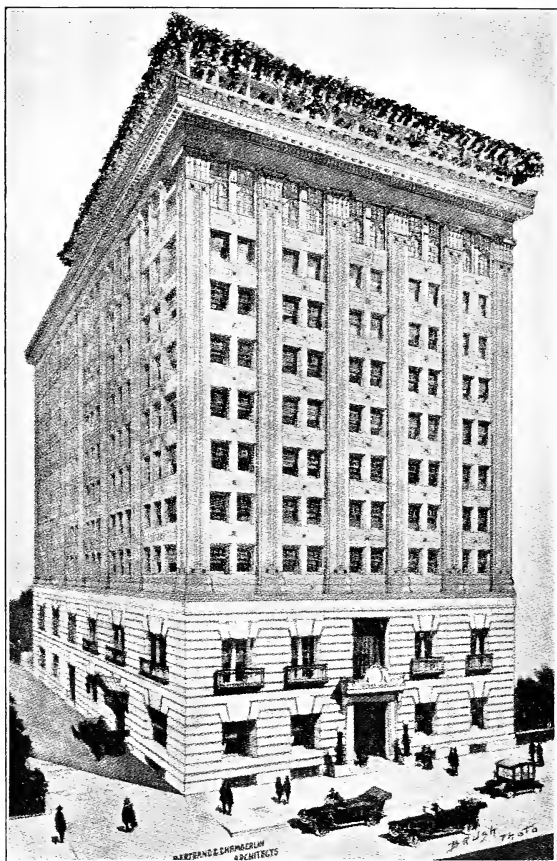
want is anticipated. The gymnasiums and plunges are the best, and the other departments are as complete as skill and science can make them.

Not all of the large clubs have been built by Mr. Genslinger, but where he has worked the results are satisfactory and permanent and there is less danger of disaster at any time, because all possible pitfalls have been avoided.

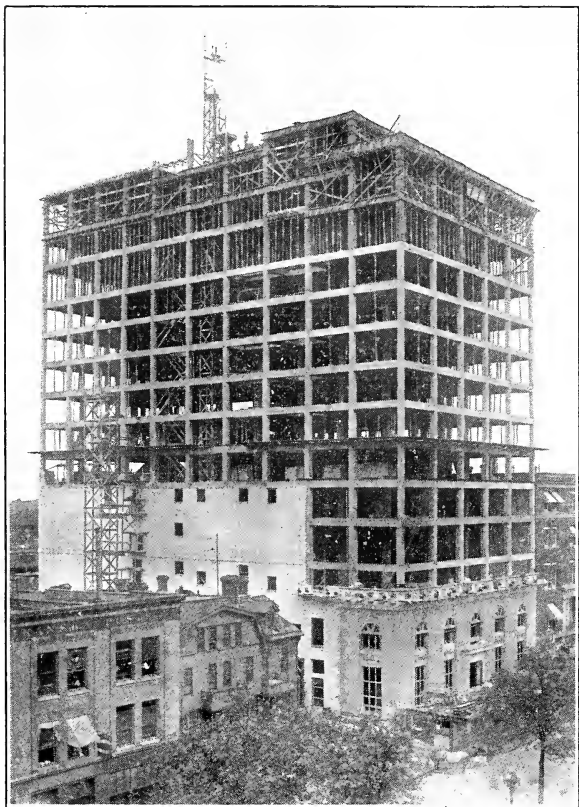




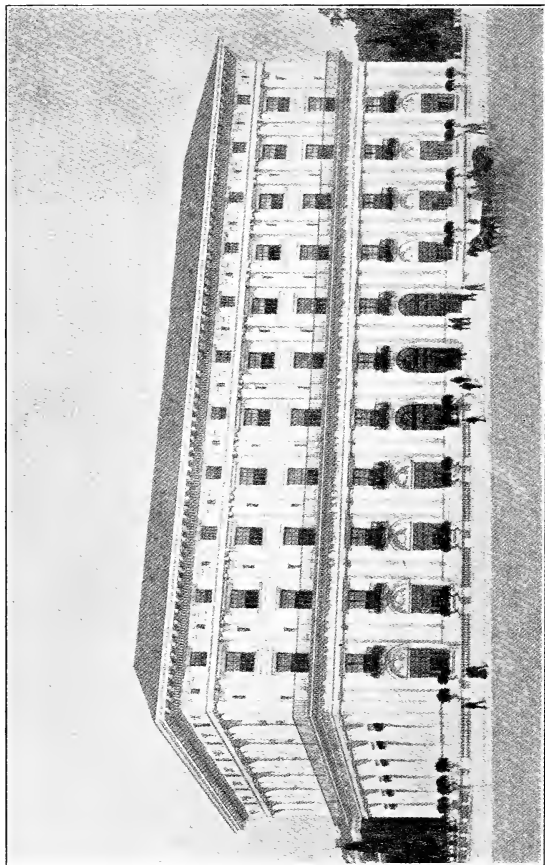
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Buffalo, N. Y.



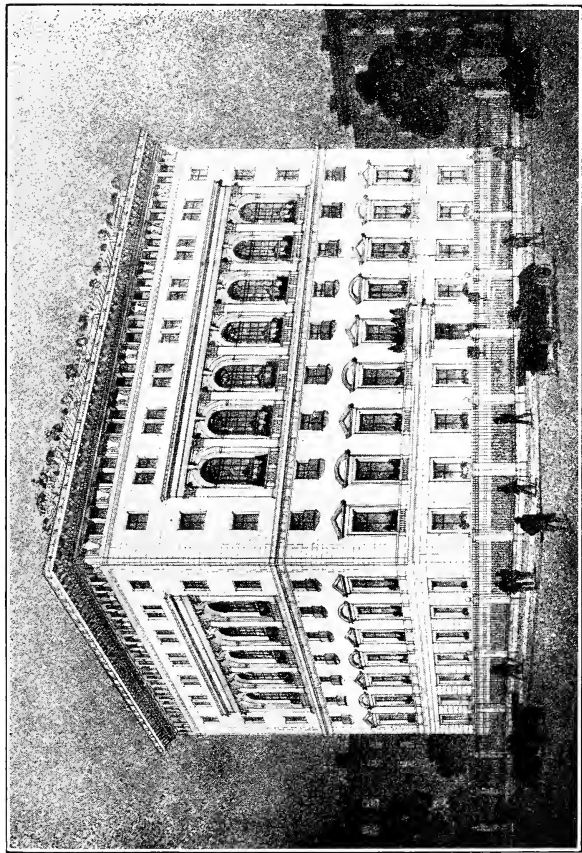
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Minneapolis, Minn.



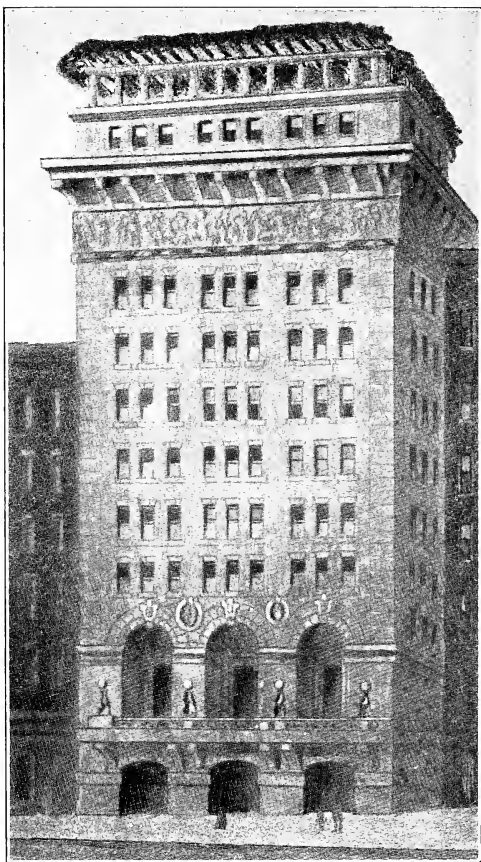
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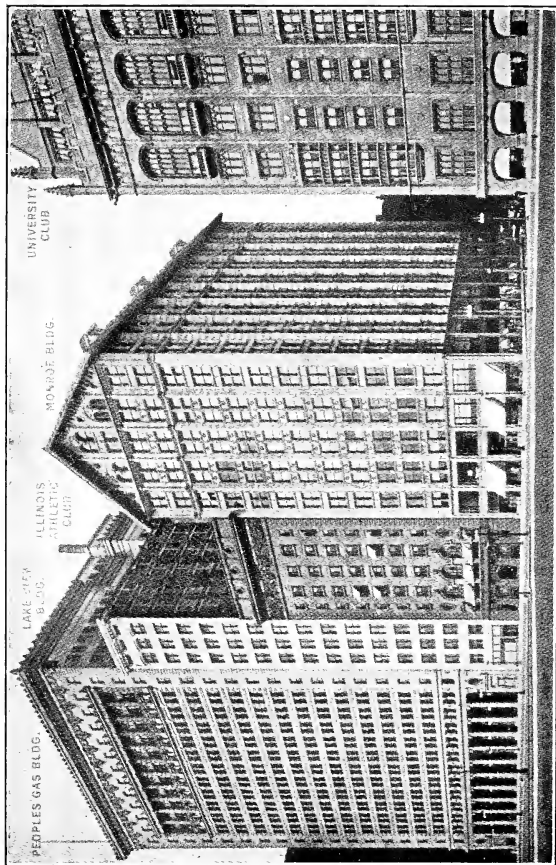
PITTSBURG ATHLETIC CLUB
Pittsburg, Pa.



DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB
Detroit, Mich.

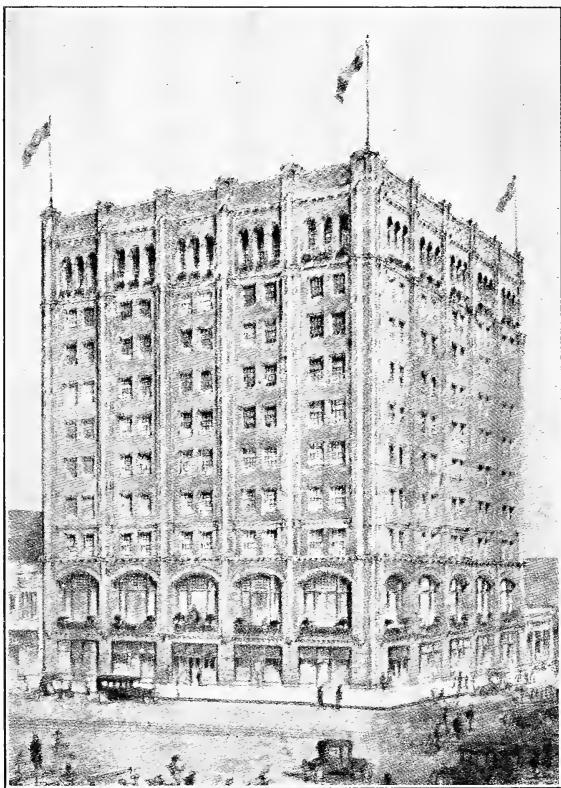


CHICAGO ATHLETIC CLUB
Chicago, Ill.



THE ILLINOIS ATHLETIC CLUB

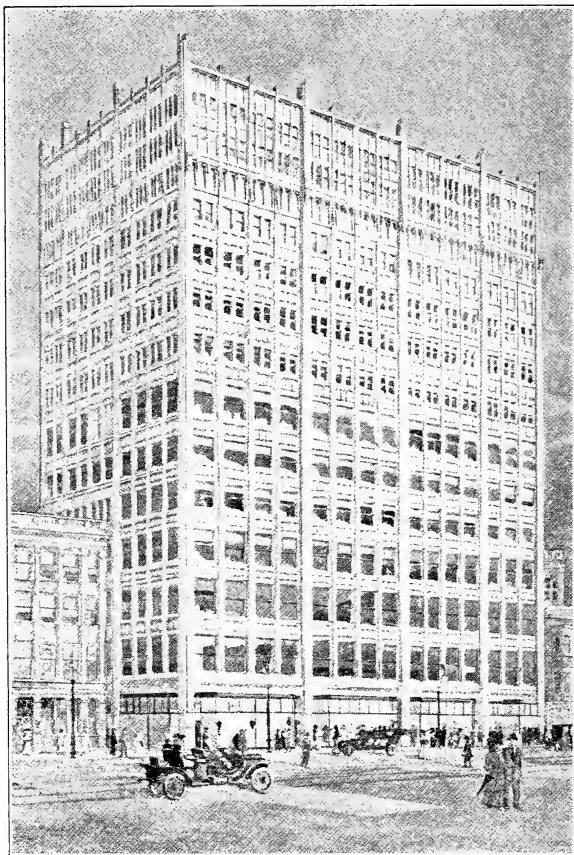
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ST. PAUL ATHLETIC CLUB
St. Paul, Minn.



NATATORIUM
St. Paul Athletic Club



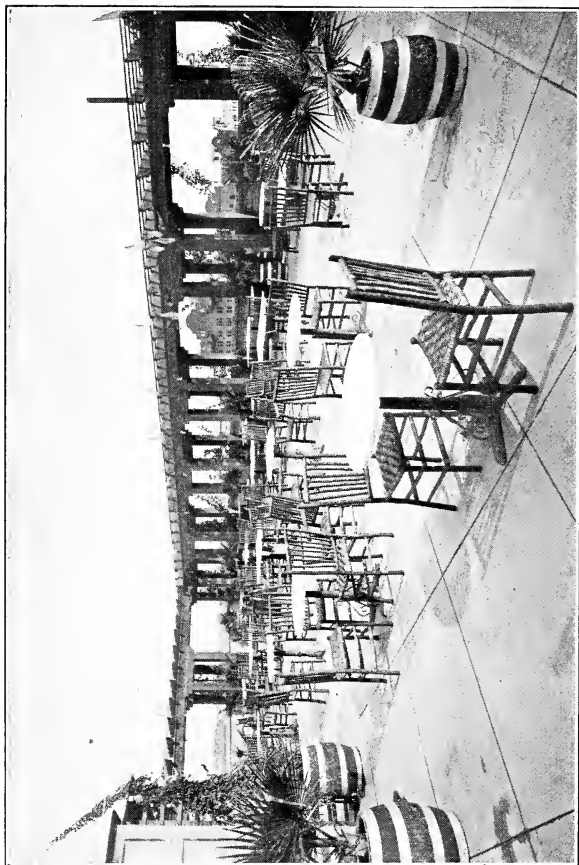
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Cleveland, Ohio



MILWAUKEE ATHLETIC CLUB
Milwaukee, Wis.



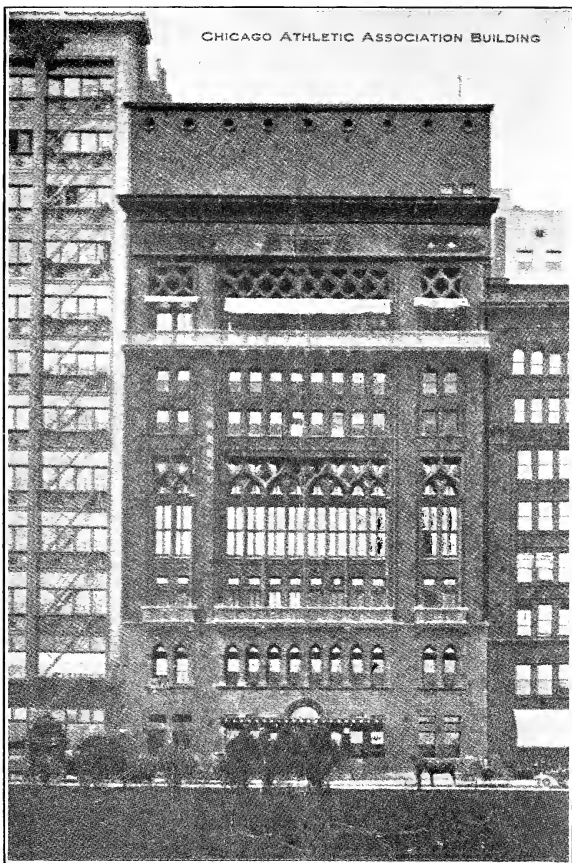
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San Antonio, Texas



ROOF GARDEN
Travis Athletic Club, San Antonio, Texas



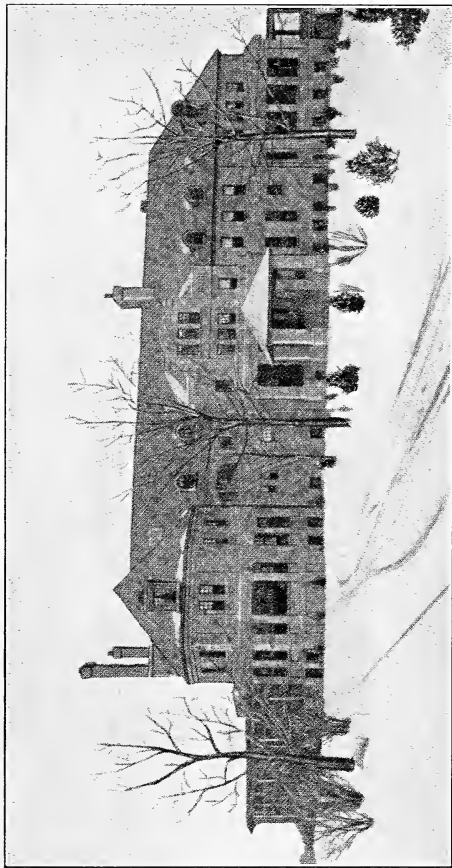
LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB
Los Angeles, Cal.



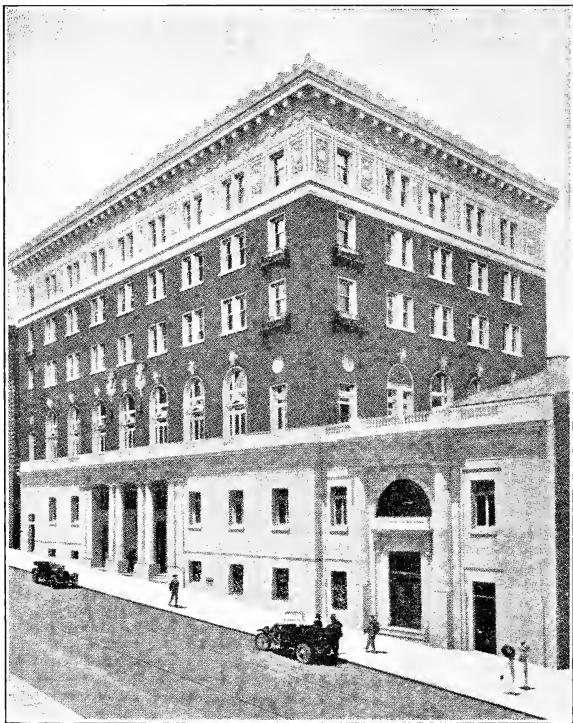
CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Chicago, Ill.



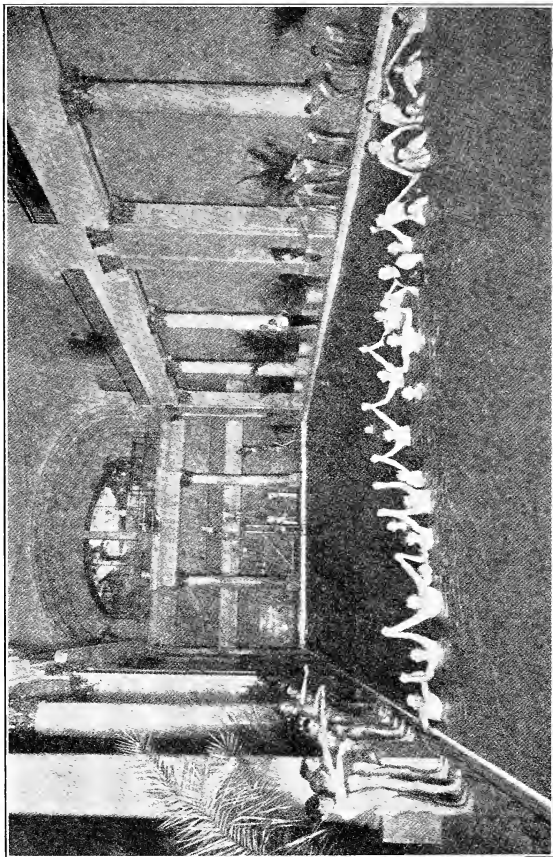
NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB
New York City



COUNTRY HOME
NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB
Travers Island



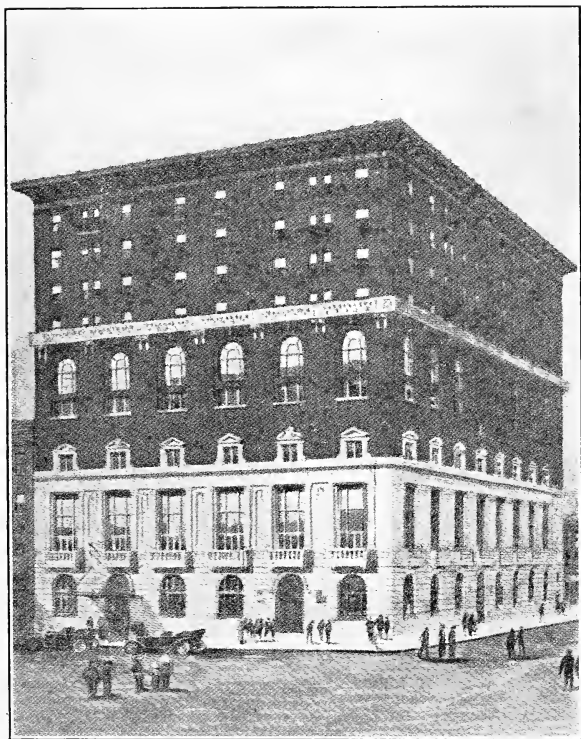
OLYMPIC ATHLETIC CLUB
San Francisco



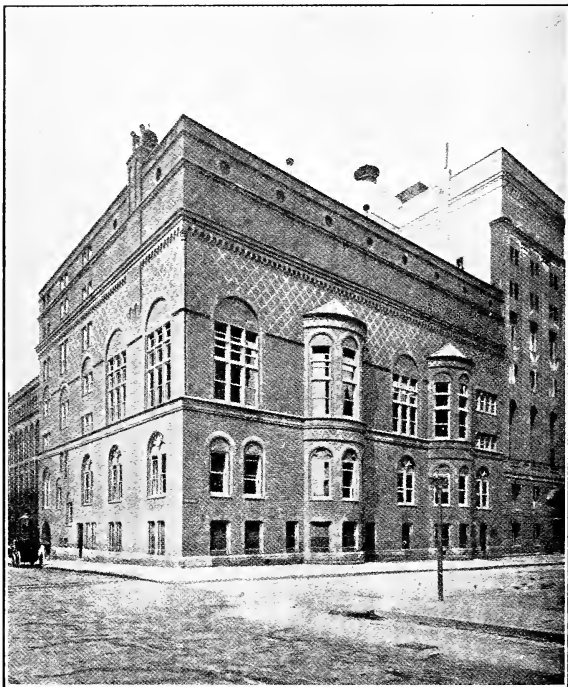
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Members Sons' Day, Olympic Athletic Club



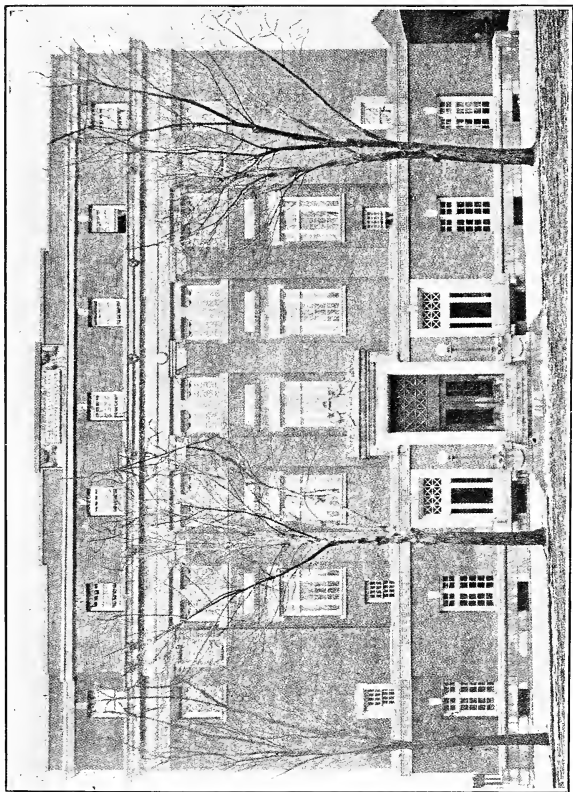
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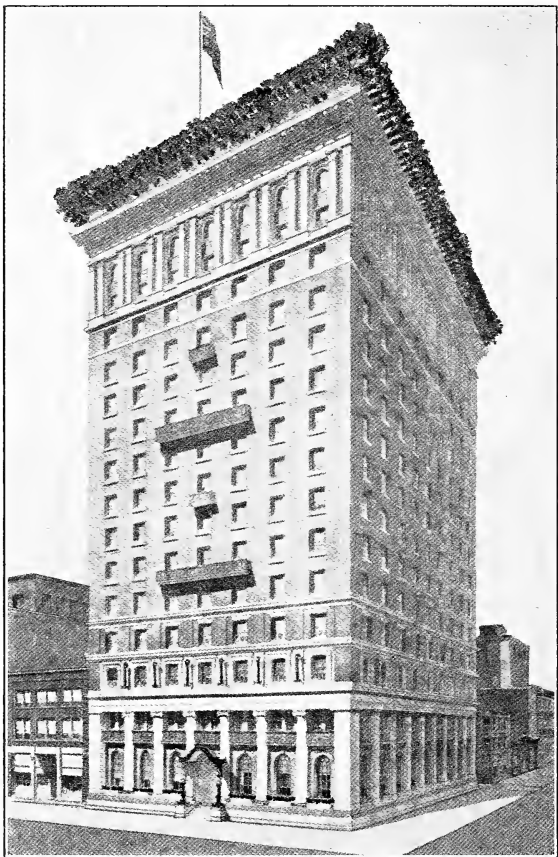
MISSOURI ATHLETIC CLUB
St. Louis, Mo.



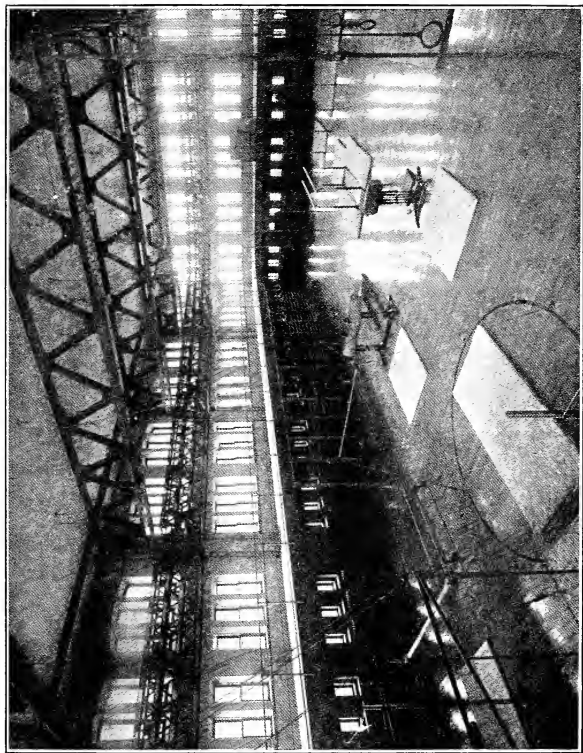
BOSTON ATHLETIC CLUB
Boston, Mass.



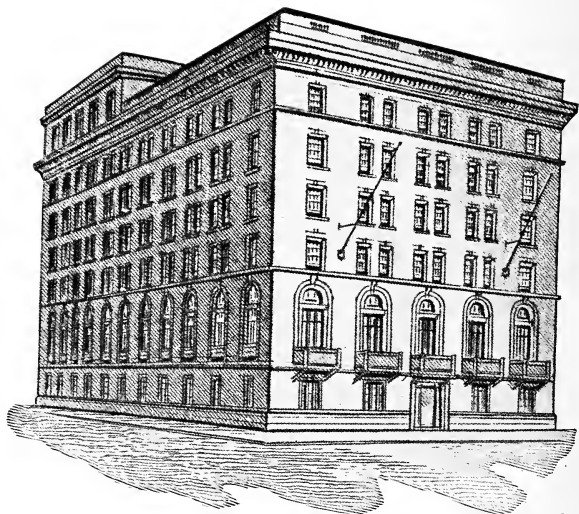
MONTREAL ATHLETIC CLUB
Montreal, Canada



WINNIPEG ATHLETIC CLUB
Winnipeg, Canada



GYMNASIUM
Cleveland Athletic Club



COLUMBUS ATHLETIC CLUB
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